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Reply to Office Action of Feb. 23, 2005

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REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed Feb. 23, 2005 wherein claims 1-16 were rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph, and claims 17-28 were allowed. In addition, claims 1-16 were objected to for informalities. In this amendment, claims 1-16 were amended. No new matter has been added.

Claims 1-28 remain pending in this application. Reconsideration in light of the above amendments and the following remarks is respectfully requested.

Claims 1-16 were amended to remove reference numbers and to overcome the objections to the claims. Claims 1 and 13 have been amended to more clearly recite the invention. Applicants' respectfully submit that claims 1 and 13, as amended, overcome the rejections under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Therefore, Applicants' respectfully submit that claims 1 and 13, and claims depending therefrom are allowable and requests that the rejections under 35 USC §112 be withdrawn.

In view of the foregoing amendment and for the reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

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